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Dear Parents,

This letter is sent to you because our records indicate that your son or daughter will be eligible for Kindergarten in September 2011. A child must be five years of age by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Although some of you may be undecided about your child's readiness at this time, I ask that you register him or her now.

Presently, we have started planning for your child's entrance into Kindergarten and his or her membership in the high school graduating class of 2024. Soon your child will step through our schoolhouse doors and into the exciting world of formal learning. In order for our teachers and staff to be prepared for next year's Kindergarten class, we ask that you register your child at this time. Wayland offers two options to families for Kindergarten programming. One option is our Traditional program, which operates everyday from 9:00 to 12:20. The Traditional Kindergarten is free to all Wayland residents. In addition, we also offer a Full Day Kindergarten program that runs from 9:00 – 2:45 p.m. with an early Wednesday dismissal at 1:35 p.m. The Full Day Kindergarten program is a fee-based program and children are chosen based on a lottery. Tuition for this program will be \$4,450. To be eligible for the lottery, parents must register their child for Kindergarten and indicate their interest for the Full Day option prior to the registration deadline. In conjunction with both of these Kindergarten choices, is our exceptional BASE program (Before and After School Extension) which is also fee-based. Enclosed with this letter you will find the program and fee schedules for these programs, as well as a sheet detailing important dates and deadlines for registration.

Given the varied opportunities at the kindergarten level, I would like to invite you to a **Kindergarten Choices and BASE Informational Meeting on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:30 P.M. at the Loker School**. At this meeting, you will have the chance to learn about the opportunities and unique characteristics of each program. Our staff will be available to answer any questions you may have in registering your child for kindergarten and BASE. This meeting is intended for parents only.

Then, on **Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 9:00 P.M., at the Loker School**, we will host a **Kindergarten Orientation** to give you and other parents an overview of our kindergarten programs, the nuts and bolts of starting Kindergarten and a tour of the school. As before, this meeting is intended for parents only. We ask that you make appropriate child care arrangements for both evenings. Your child will have the opportunity to visit his/her classroom at the very beginning of school when he/she comes to school for Kindergarten screening. Specific details about our kindergarten screening process will be provided at the orientation.

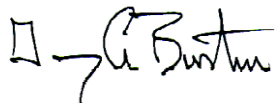
This year Kindergarten registration will be conducted **on-line**. To do this, please log on to the main webpage ([www.wayland.k12.ma.us](http://www.wayland.k12.ma.us)) and click on "Kindergarten Registration" and follow the directions. For families unable to register on-line, we request that you call Christine Eisnor at Loker School,

508-655-0331. **The deadline for registration is March 25, 2011.** The lottery for the full day classes will be held on **April 1, 2011.** Your prompt and timely reply is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I welcome you and your child into our school community. All of our teachers, assistants, and administrators look forward to working with your family over the next thirteen years. We trust next year's kindergarten experience will mark the beginning of a wonderful learning experience for your child and you, as his or her parents/guardians. Should you have specific questions about your child entering Kindergarten, please feel free to call Ms. Gretchen Lutz, our Early Childhood Coordinator, at 508-358-7072.

We look forward to welcoming your child into the Wayland Public Schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary A. Burton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small square symbol to the left of the first letter.

Gary A. Burton  
Superintendent of Schools

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Enclosures